REMARKS

Applicant traverses the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of claims 1-5, 9, and 25-34 over U.S. Patent 6,287,719 to Bailey; the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 6 and 8 over Bailey; and the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 1 and 7 over U.S. Patent 6,923,837 to Longhi in view of U.S. 2003/0148178 to Kaneta and U.S. Patent 6,312,848 to Kilb.

As recited, *e.g.*, in amended claims 1 and 29, and in new claim 35, a battery comprises, among other elements, at least one electrode of a first polarity in a first cell, having a first edge extending from the end of the first cell, the first edge curving in a first direction, and at least one electrode of a second plurality in a second adjacent cell, having a second edge extending from an adjoining end of the second cell, the second edge curving in a second direction opposite the first direction, the first and second edges overlapping and being in electrical contact with one another.

Bailey discloses a pair of battery cells, each having positive and negative electrodes connected in series, but Bailey does not disclose or suggest the overlapping electrodes having the curved edge configurations recited, *e.g.*, in claims 1, 29, and 38. Neither Longhi, Kaneta, or Kilb disclose this configuration, so the cited references, viewed alone or in combination, do not anticipate or render obvious the claims under either § 102(b) or § 103(a), respectively.

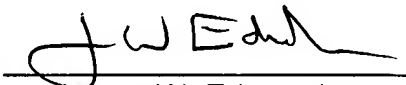
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant submits that this claimed invention, as amended, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the references cited against this application. Applicant therefore requests reconsideration of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: February 15, 2008

By: 

James W. Edmondson
Reg. No. 33,871
(202) 408-4000